

Sept 20 1961

Approved For Release 2001/03/02 : CIA-RDP70-00058R000200120140-1

CPYRIGHT

--U R G E N T--

WASHINGTON-

WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY PIERRE SALINGER DECLINED TO COMMENT ON WHAT HE CALLED PRESS SPECULATION ABOUT THE CIA JOB. HE SAID HE KNEW OF NO CHANGE IN THE SITUATION WHICH WOULD CAUSE HIM TO ALTER HIS PREVIOUS COMMENTS THAT DULLES HAD ANNOUNCED LAST YEAR THAT HE PROBABLY WOULD RETIRE AT THE END OF 1961.

THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WAS ESTABLISHED WHEN CONGRESS APPROVED THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION'S BROAD PROGRAM FOR ASSISTANCE TO NATIONS MAKING AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE THEIR OWN CONDITIONS. WHEN OFFICIALLY CREATED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, IT WILL SUPPLANT THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION, NOW HEADED BY HENRY R. LABOUISSSE.

LABOUISSSE HIMSELF HAD BEEN MENTIONED AS A POSSIBLE DIRECTOR OF THE NEW AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY AFTER PROTESTS AGAINST WOODS GAINED MOMENTUM.

THE WHITE HOUSE MADE PUBLIC A LETTER FROM KENNEDY TO LABOUISSSE IN WHICH THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR HIS "SUCCESSFUL EFFORT IN REORGANIZING THE NEW AID AGENCY."

IN HIS LETTER, KENNEDY SAID HE IS DELIGHTED TO KNOW THAT LABOUISSSE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR "ANOTHER HIGH EXECUTIVE POST" IN THE ADMINISTRATION.

SALINGER REFUSED TO SPECULATE ON JUST WHAT POST LABOUISSSE WOULD OCCUPY. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD, HOWEVER, THAT LABOUISSSE WOULD NOT BE CONNECTED WITH THE NEW FOREIGN AID OFFICE. HE IS A LONGTIME STATE DEPARTMENT MAN.

HAMILTON'S NOMINATION TO THE \$22,500 POSITION AS AID DIRECTOR WAS EXPECTED TO GO TO THE SENATE LATER TODAY.

THE 50-YEAR-OLD LAWYER, A NATIVE OF KANSAS CITY, IS SENIOR PARTNER IN THE NEW YORK FIRM OF CLEARY, GOTTILIB, STEEN AND HAMILTON. SINCE WORLD WAR II, MORE THAN HALF HIS PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY HAS BEEN IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND HE HAS TRAVELED WIDELY ABROAD.

NOTING THAT THERE HAD BEEN CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION ON WOODS, SALINGER TOLD NEWSMEN THAT THE NEW YORK BANKER WAS ONE OF A NUMBER WHO ... (GARRLED) ... LAST WEEK, SALINGER ADDED, WOODS ASKED THAT HIS NAME BE WITHDRAWN.

NOTING THAT THERE HAD BEEN CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION OF WOODS, SALINGER TOLD NEWSMEN THAT THE NEW YORK BANKER WAS ONE OF A NUMBER WHO WERE CONSIDERED FOR THE POSITION AND WITH WHOM IT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED. LAST WEEK, SALINGER ADDED, WOODS ASKED THAT HIS NAME BE WITHDRAWN.

IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS, SALINGER SAID WOODS PULLED OUT OF CONSIDERATION BECAUSE "HE FELT SOME OF THE STATEMENTS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH HIS PROSPECTIVE APPOINTMENT WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO SERVE."

Bull42AKD